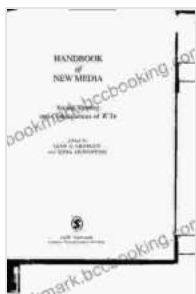


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ICTs are not simply neutral tools, but rather social artifacts that are shaped by the contexts in which they are developed and used. This section of the book delves into the social factors that influence the design, implementation, and adoption of ICTs, including:

- Political and economic interests

- Cultural values and norms
- Social institutions and organizations

By understanding the social shaping of ICTs, we can better appreciate their potential for both positive and negative consequences.

The Consequences of ICTs

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- The use of mobile technologies in developing countries

- The role of ICTs in education and healthcare

These case studies provide concrete examples of the ways in which ICTs are shaping our world.

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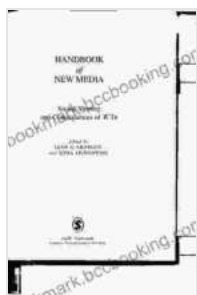
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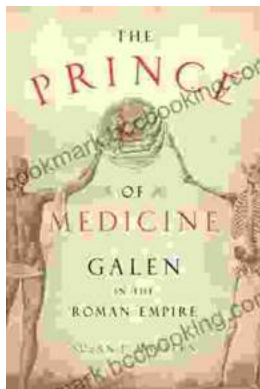
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